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SUBJ: ANTHRAX IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

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1. THE FOLLOWING REPLIES ARE KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS GIVEN IN
REFTEL:

A. SALVADORAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTS SUCH AS RUGS
AND DRUMS MADE IN WHOLE OR IN PART OF ANIMAL SKINS HAVING ATTACHED
HAIR ARE RELATED TO ITS DEFENSIVE MEASURES AGAINST AFTOSA,
AND THEREFORE CENTER ON AFTOSA COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, GOODS OF THE
TYPE AFOREMENTIONED FROM ANY SOURCE EXCEPT THE US AND CANADA
WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS: (1) IMPORT
LICENSE REQUIRED; (2) HIDES/RELATED GOODS MUST BE CURED, CLEANED,
AND ACCOMPANIED BY A HEALTH CERTIFICATE FROM THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN;
(3) ON ARRIVAL THE GOODS ARE INSPECTED THOROUGHLY AND TREATED
WITH FORMOL VAPORS.

B. THE RESPONSIBLE GOES AGENCY IS IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK "DEFENSA AGROPECUARIA". THE EFFECT
OF THESE MEASURES IS VERY LITTLE IMPORTATION OF SUCH GOODS DUE
TO THE DOCUMENTATION INVOLVED. DATA ON IMPORTS NOT AVAILABLE,
BUT IMPORTS MINIMAL IF OCCUPRING.

C. SUBJECT GOODS ARE MANUFACTURED LOCALLY AND ARE AVAILABLE
FOR SALE TO TOURISTS. THE TRADE IS NOT CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT;
SALES OF RUGS WOULD BE GREATER THAN DRUMS.

D. OFFICIAL DATA (REPORTED CASES) ON ANTHRAX INCIDENCE IN EL
SALVADOR ARE: (1) HUMAN (CALLED "CARBUNCO"; 1972-35; 1973-15;
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JAN-MAY 1974-1. (MOST CASES ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO DIRECT CON-

TACT WITH LIVE ANIMALS, EMPLOYMENT IN SLAUGHTER HOUSES; (2)

ANIMAL: 1972-188; 1973-250; JAN-MAY 1974-89.

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